

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

1. CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs, Consolidated Contracting Activity-VISN 21.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

This action limits competition for the acquisition of i-STAT Analyzer Equipment for the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
16	i-STAT 1 Downloader Recharger Kit (04P73-04)
16	i-STAT 1 Rechargeable Power Pack (06F23-55)
16	i-STAT 1 Wireless Analyzer (03P75-01)
14	i-STAT 1 Wireless Upgrade (03P75-99)

The estimated value is

4. AUTHORITY CITED:

FAR 6.302-1, 41 USC 253(c)(1). This acquisition is being conducted under the authority of FAR 13.5, "Test Program for Certain Commercial Items."

5. REASON FOR AUTHORITY CITED:

The authority cited in paragraph 4 must be used because there are no other manufacturers, vendors or distributors of the I-STAT portable analyzer (meter). VISN 21 uses the GSA contracted ISTAT cartridges and they cannot be tested on any other system.

6. EFFORTS MADE FOR SOLICITING FROM OTHER VENDORS:

This requirement will be synopsisized in the GPE as required by FAR 5.201; which will give fair opportunity for other offerors to respond.

7. FAIR AND REASONABLE COST DETERMINATION:

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated price will be determined to be fair and reasonable. A Price Negotiation Memorandum (PNM) will detail how the Government has determined that the anticipated costs will be fair and reasonable. As this item has been determined to be commercial, cost or pricing data will not be required. Pricing techniques such as are described in FAR 15.404-1(b)(2), will be used to establish price fairness and reasonableness.

8. MARKET RESEARCH:

The Abbot i-STAT Analyzer Equipment is a commercial available item and is available from Abbott via Contract GS-07F-0303Y (ends: Apr 1, 2017). Based on the foregoing, I determine that all indications point toward there being only one mandatory source and no other suppliers will satisfy the Government's needs.

9. SUPPORTING FACTS:

Any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (*e.g.*, verifying the Government's minimum needs or requirements or other rationale for limited sources) and which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by the technical or requirements personnel. The evidence for this is the "Technical Data to Support a Restricted Competition" in the contract file.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES:

ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC
200 ABBOTT PARK RD
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-3503

11. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS:

A notification will be issued that advises the Government intends to procure via sole source. However, if any contractor believes they have an equivalent product, they are encouraged to contact the Contracting Specialist for more information.

12. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Denard M Fobbs Jr
Contract Specialist

Date

Recommend: Approval / Disapproval

Rico Johnson
Contracting Officer

Date

Recommend: Approval / Disapproval

Don Neal
Manager, Supply Team I

Date

